

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 7, as follows:

This is the U.S. national stage of PCT/US03/10560 filed April 2, 2003, which claims
priority ~~Priority is claimed~~ to U.S. provisional application number 60/369,594, filed April 2,
2002, which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please insert the following paragraphs beginning on page 2, at line 12:

FIG. 1 is a graph showing a comparison of the average molecular weight to the
percent deacetylation.

FIG. 2 is a graph showing a comparison of the average molecular weight to the
percent purity of chitosan.

FIG. 3 is a graph showing a comparison of the percent purity of the chitosan to
the percent deacetylation of the chitosan.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 10, line 1.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 11, line 1.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 12, line 1.